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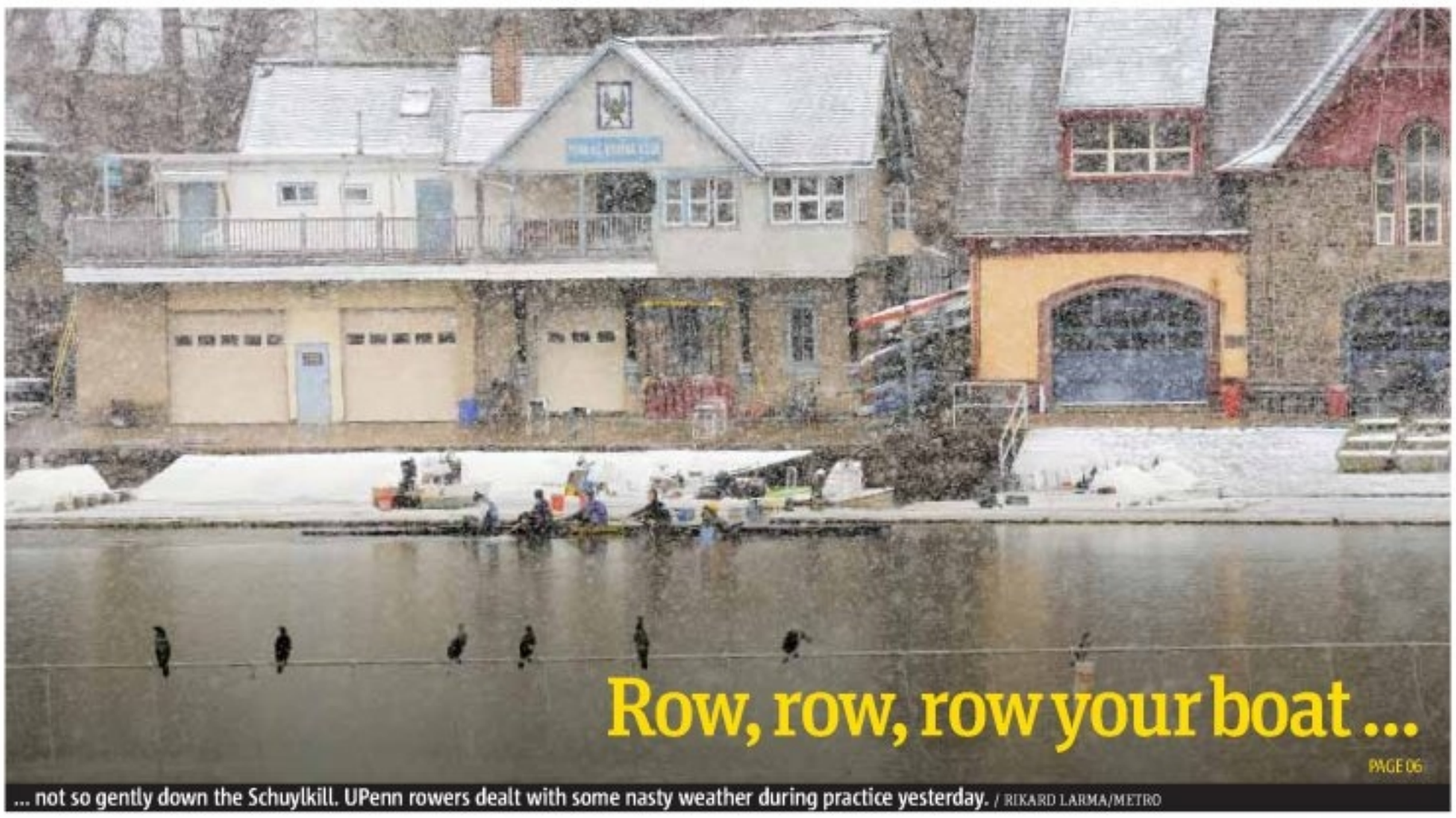
City Council: Resolve labor disputes first

Budget. The mayor's administration focused on the city's five-year plan, but council members want to resolve union contracts now. Savings can come from ad space or bike share, some members say. PAGE 02



Row, row, row your boat ...

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... not so gently down the Schuylkill. UPenn rowers dealt with some nasty weather during practice yesterday. / RIKARD LARMA/METRO

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The most diverse ZIP code in the city of Philadelphia, according to the State of the City, released by PEW Charitable Trusts. University City, in West Philadelphia, is 41 percent black, 36 percent white, 16 percent Asian and 4 percent Hispanic. The report also shows there are no ethnic groups that make up more than half of the population in any section of the city.

Local tweet

"Not liking how Seth Myers made fun of Philadelphia on SNL"

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Labor disputes eclipse the first budget hearing

BUDGET. City Council took the focus off the five-year plan, demanding the administration resolve contracts.

The city's annual budget hearings opened yesterday with Mayor Michael Nutter's administration presenting their five-year plan emphasizing investments in public safety and green infrastructure coupled with incentives for businesses.

But the message from City Council members was clear: resolve the long-running contract disputes with municipal unions D.C. 33, D.C. 47 and Local 22.

"We want this to end," Councilman Curtis Jones Jr. said. "We don't want to get in the union's business, but it fell in our court, so we have to deal with it." The mayor's budget address last week was derailed by throngs of booing employees who have been working without contracts since 2009.

"Like everything else, the give-and-take has to occur, and at this point there's been no give and no take," Deputy Mayor Everett Gillison said, calling the union negotiations "fruitless."

Councilman David Oh expressed concerns that a judge's ruling in Local 22's case could compel the city to pay four years of raises in one lump sum.

"Then we would be challenged to come up with this money to fulfill a court order if we have not set anything aside," he said.

"We expect to win, first of all," Budget Director Rebecca Rhynhart said. "And we don't have the money to pay them — that's the basis for the appeal."

"I don't see how the idea you might win an appeal down the road alleviates the responsibility of ensuring those funds are somehow accounted for in the budget," Oh said.

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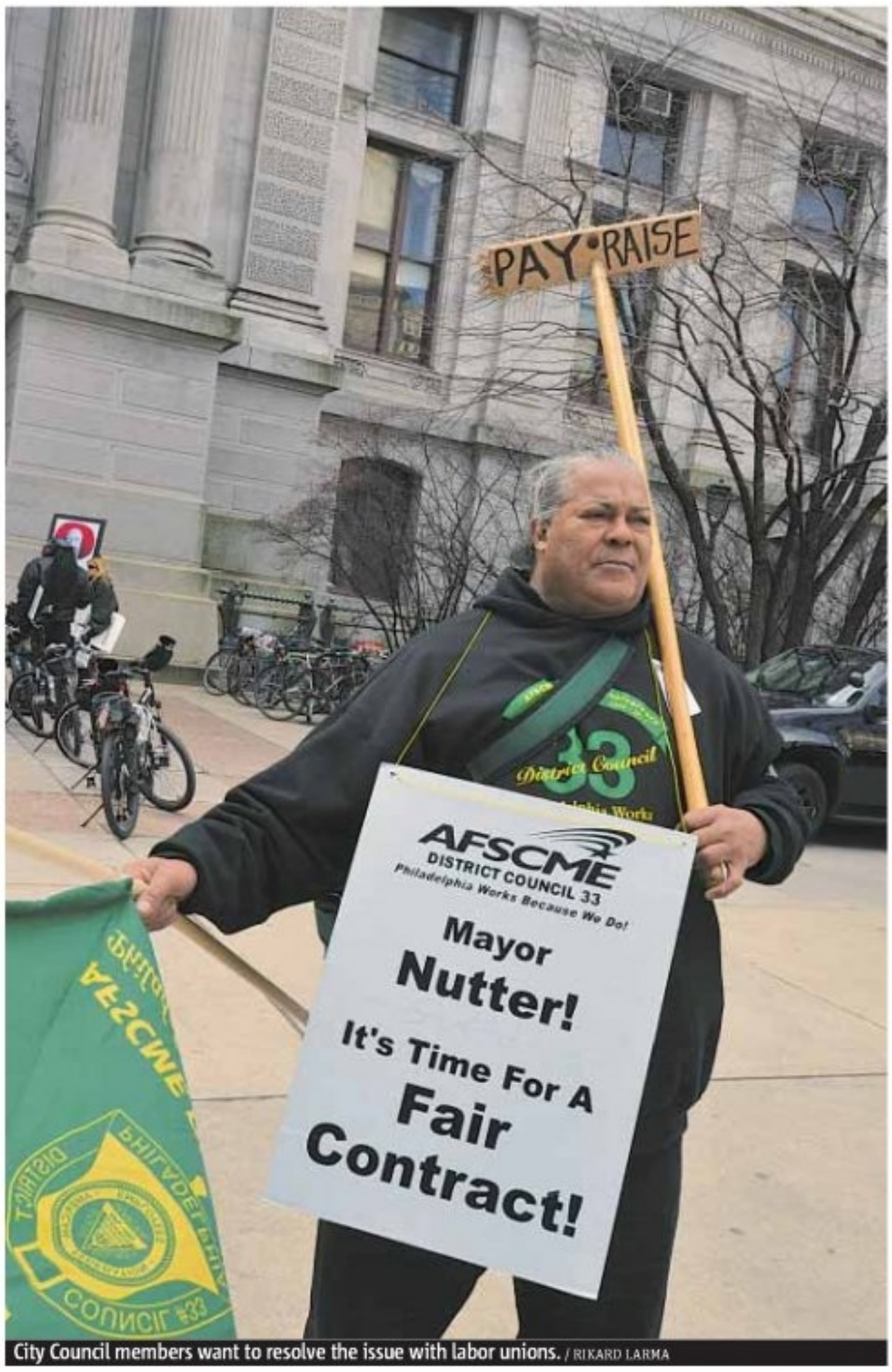
A question of priorities

Council members clashed with the administration over how to best resolve the city's debts.

- Councilmen Jim Kenney and Bobby Henon want to improve delinquent tax collections.
- Oh questioned the proposed $3 million for a citywide bike share.
- Jones Jr. and Council President Darrell Clarke want to lease advertising space on municipal buildings.



City Council members want to resolve the issue with labor unions. / RIKARD LARMA

Crime. Couple held for trial in car chase

A judge yesterday held Shayna Sykes and Bill Blakes for trial for allegedly stealing two police cars and leading officers on a chase from New Jersey to Northern Liberties.

The couple told prosecutors they were coming down from a cocaine and heroin binge and sleeping on the streets of Camden when Blakes allegedly stole a cop car March 5 in an attempt to get warm.

The duo is accused of stealing two other cars before reaching New Jersey.

Blakes faces additional charges for allegedly striking a police officer with his own cruiser. METRO

Vote

Registration deadline looms

Advocates are urging voters to register soon for this spring's primary election to avoid a potential backlog that could cause problems at the polls.

Pennsylvanians are encouraged to apply well before the April 22 deadline. METRO

Resignation

Pa. Supreme Court justice resigns

Supreme Court Justice Joan Orie Melvin, who was found guilty last month of using government employees to work on her political campaigns, submitted her resignation Monday, effective May 1, about a week before sentencing. METRO

Payout

Temple, feds reach $100k settlement

Temple University will pay the U.S. government $100,000 as part of a settlement agreement stemming from allegations its physicians were overbilling Medicaid and Medicare for neurology services since 2001. METRO

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News. Jerry Sandusky maintains innocence

Convicted child molester Jerry Sandusky said he was unsure whether Joe Paterno suspected he had acted inappropriately with underage boys and maintained his innocence in interview excerpts aired yesterday on NBC's "Today" show.

"If [Paterno] absolutely thought I was [a child molester], I'd say no," Sandusky said

"If he had a suspicion, I don't know the answer to that."

The Paterno family attorney, Wick Sollers, called the release of the Sandusky recordings a "sad and unfortunate development" that only insulted his victims.

Sandusky is currently serving a 30- to 60-year prison sentence on 45 sex abuse charges. REUTERS

News

Child of slain officer born

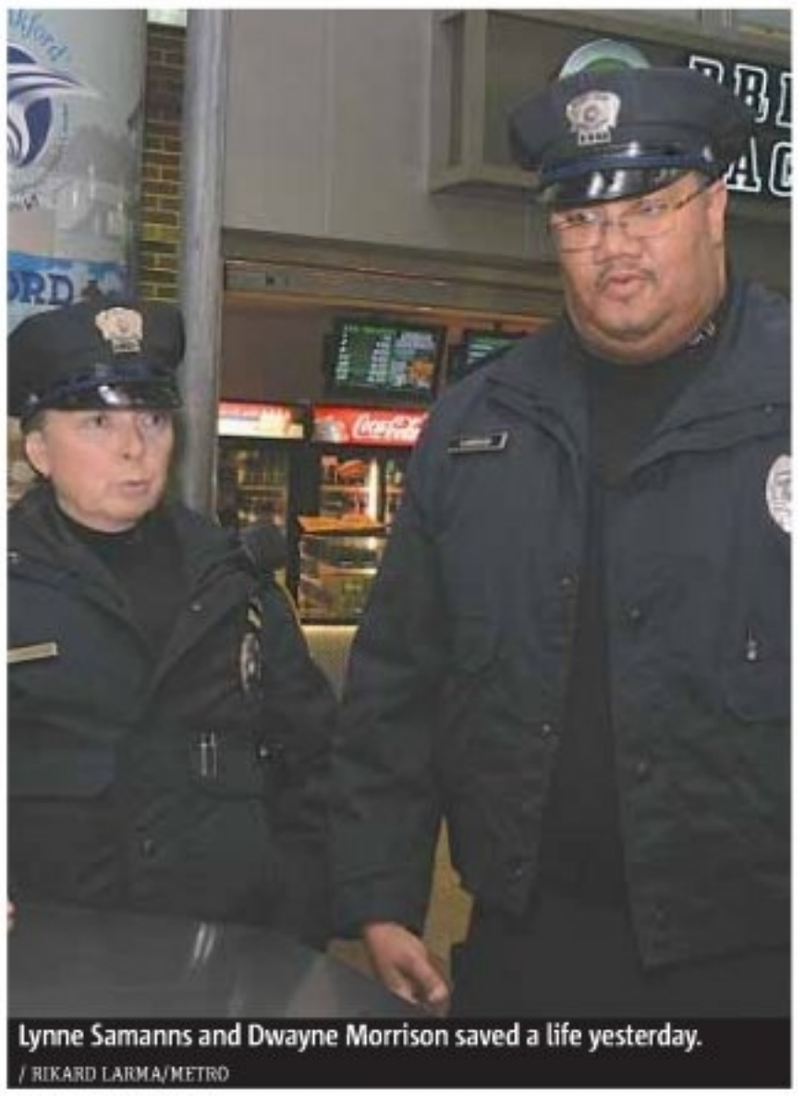
The second child of slain Plymouth Twp. police officer Bradley Fox was born yesterday. The child was named after his father. Fox was shot last September while he and his partner pursued a suspect. The suspect then shot himself. METRO

News

Man robs store with hunting knife

A man wearing a black mask wielding a hunting knife robbed a New Castle, Del., store Sunday afternoon, state police said. The suspect made off with cash and cigarettes. METRO

Pair of SEPTA officers show they've got heart



Lynne Samanns and Dwayne Morrison saved a life yesterday.
/ RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Life-savers. Two transit officers aided a teller suffering from a heart attack.

The call shrieked over the radio, "Hospital. Heart issues."

SEPTA officer Lynne Samanns was first on the scene. She found a 58-year-old male teller unconscious on the floor of a cashier booth at the Frankford Transportation Center. She called over the radio, "Rescue."

Dwayne Morrison answered the call. The teller was breathing when he arrived, Morrison said. "Then observing him, he stopped blinking."

He checked for a pulse. Nothing. The two transit cops rolled the teller over and started to administer CPR. A SEPTA supervisor brought an automated external defibrillator, and the two began shocking the teller's heart and continued compressions until paramedics arrived.

"The medics continued CPR, shocked him several times and just rushed him right to the hospital," Samanns said.

The cashier was transported from the transportation center at Bridge Street and Frankford Avenue to Aria Health's Frankford campus.

He's breathing on his own, they said.

"He's got a pulse and blood pressure," Samanns said. Samanns, whose performed CPR on six different commuters in her career, appreciated the help.

"It's much easier with a great partner," she said.

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Resumes

Lynne Samanns:

- She's served 23 years on the beat. She's performed CPR on six different commuters in her career with SEPTA.

Dwayne Morrison:

- Morrison has been a transit cop for 18 years and served 26 years as a medic in the Air Force Reserves.

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Rain, snow, sleet or hail: Rowers keep on rowing

Foggy. UPenn rowers practiced yesterday through a spring snowfall on the Schuylkill River — no gloves allowed.

As the white of winter lingered into the new spring season, University of Pennsylvania crew team members found themselves rowing through snowflakes along the Schuylkill River yesterday.

"I've never actually rowed in snow until this year, and this year it's happened about seven times," said rower Mitch Stein, 22, a senior finance and accounting major.

Rowing along Boathouse Row
RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Between 2 and 3 inches fluttered across the Philadelphia area yesterday, extending the winter season for at least one more day to the dismay of several summer sports teams.

"This morning was the worst. When we would stop to turn around, I would have accumulated snow on my body," said Stein, who tends to sit in the back of the boat.

Most wore jackets, but rowers don't usually wear gloves. Some believe it shows weakness.

"It wasn't that bad," Stein said. He was just happy there wasn't much wind.

The worst part was docking, he said. "There was about 2 inches of snow on the docks, so getting the boat out and back in — that's when my feet just froze."

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Janice Rael, vice president of Americans United, holds up a sign and gay-pride flag as members of local LGBT-rights organizations protested at the U.S. District Court building at 7th and Market in Center City yesterday, one day before the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear cases over the Defense of Marriage Act and California's Proposition 8. Rael helped organize the event. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Lottery

Two $1M Powerball tickets sold

Two Powerball lottery tickets worth $1 million each were sold at two convenience stores in Lehigh and Montgomery counties, according to Pennsylvania lottery officials.

One ticket was sold at Hess Express, 3640 Route 309 in Orefield, and a second at 7-Eleven, 255 W. Horsham Road, in Horsham.

Each of the two tickets matched all five white balls, but not the Powerball, which was 31. The white numbers were 17-29-31-52-53.

In Bucks County, a Mega Millions ticket worth $250,000 was sold at Bensalem Beer & Soda on 1919 Street Road. The winning ticket matched all five white balls, 14-27-34-37-41. It did not match the yellow Mega Ball, which was 38. METRO

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Relations. Kerry makes unannounced visit to Afghanistan

Secretary of State John Kerry made a show of unity with Afghan President Hamid Karzai during a short visit to Afghanistan yesterday, following weeks of heightened tensions between the two countries.

Kerry made the unannounced visit to Afghanistan in order to discuss a host of issues including attempts to stabilize the country before most foreign troops leave by the end of 2014, the transfer of security responsibility to Afghan forces and Afghanistan's elections, a U.S. official told reporters.

The two held a news conference at the presidential palace in Kabul. During it, Karzai confronted questions about his remarks earlier this month accusing the Taliban of undertaking attacks "in service of America." REUTERS

Karazi and Kerry leave their bilateral meeting yesterday.
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"I never used the word 'collusion' between the Taliban and the U.S. Those were not my words. Those were the [words] picked up by the media."

Afghan President Hamid Karzai
Numerous press reports stated he was suggesting the U.S. and the Taliban were colluding, but he rejected that interpretation at the news conference.

Gay marriage cases to define Supreme Court

Politics. The U.S. Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of marriage for gay men and lesbians in the coming week.

For same-sex marriage and civil unions, a Reuters/Ipsos poll in mid-March found deep differences of opinion regionally, although support was at 63 percent nationwide.
/ JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

In their first-ever review of same-sex marriage laws, the nine justices on the country's highest court are hearing arguments today and tomorrow on one of the most politically charged dilemmas of the day, bound with themes of religion, sexuality and social custom.

The paired cases will be heard at a time when opinion polls show surging approval for gay unions and when prominent individuals and groups, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, have been announcing support for same-sex marriage on a nearly daily basis.

Beyond the public drama, and central to the justices' regard for their own role, the marriage dispute offers a classic test of when courts should intervene in social dilemmas that have traditionally been the province of the states.

With such cultural and judicial crosscurrents, the controversy naturally draws a comparison to one of the court's most defining cases in the past 40 years. The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision made abortion legal nationwide just as states were weighing related legislation. The ruling generated a social and political backlash that endures today. REUTERS

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Politics. Obama presses congress on immigration reform

President Barack Obama urged Congress yesterday to summon the "political courage" to quickly pass immigration reform.

Speaking at a naturalization ceremony for 28 new U.S. citizens at the White House, Obama said he was pleased with steps made toward reforming immigration laws.

Obama pointed to the accomplishments of many of the 28 people who had just become U.S. citizens and said immigrants had reinvigorated the labor force and benefited businesses.

"If we want to keep attracting the best and brightest the world has to offer, we need to do a better job of welcoming them," he said.

Polls show support for creating a way for undocumented foreigners to become U.S. citizens. **REUTERS**

President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I expect a bill to be put forward. I expect the debate to begin next month, I want to sign that bill into law as soon as possible."

President Obama
Obama urged lawmakers to push through to a conclusion.

UK's Prince Harry to tour US in May

The prince will use his visit to show support for wounded U.S. and British military personnel and promote his charities, as well as undertake duties on behalf of the government.

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Politics. Michigan affirmative action case in Supreme Court

The Supreme Court agreed yesterday to consider a Michigan law that bans affirmative action in public college admissions. The consideration of race in the admissions process, aimed at correcting past racial discrimination, is deeply unpopular in conservative circles.

In November, a sharply divided 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati found that the 2006 state constitutional amendment banning the practice, approved by voters in Michigan, imposed burdens on racial minorities in violation of the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection and challenged the Supreme Court ruling. **REUTERS**

Tech deal. Yahoo acquires mobile news start up Summly

Yahoo has acquired Summly, a startup that has developed technology to automatically summarize news articles for mobile sites. Yahoo notes that the deal is expected to close in the second quarter. The Summly team will be joining Yahoo and the existing Summly iPhone app will be shut down. Yahoo's Adam Cahan, senior vice president of mobile and emerging products, says Summly's technology will "come to life throughout Yahoo's mobile experiences soon." **REUTERS**

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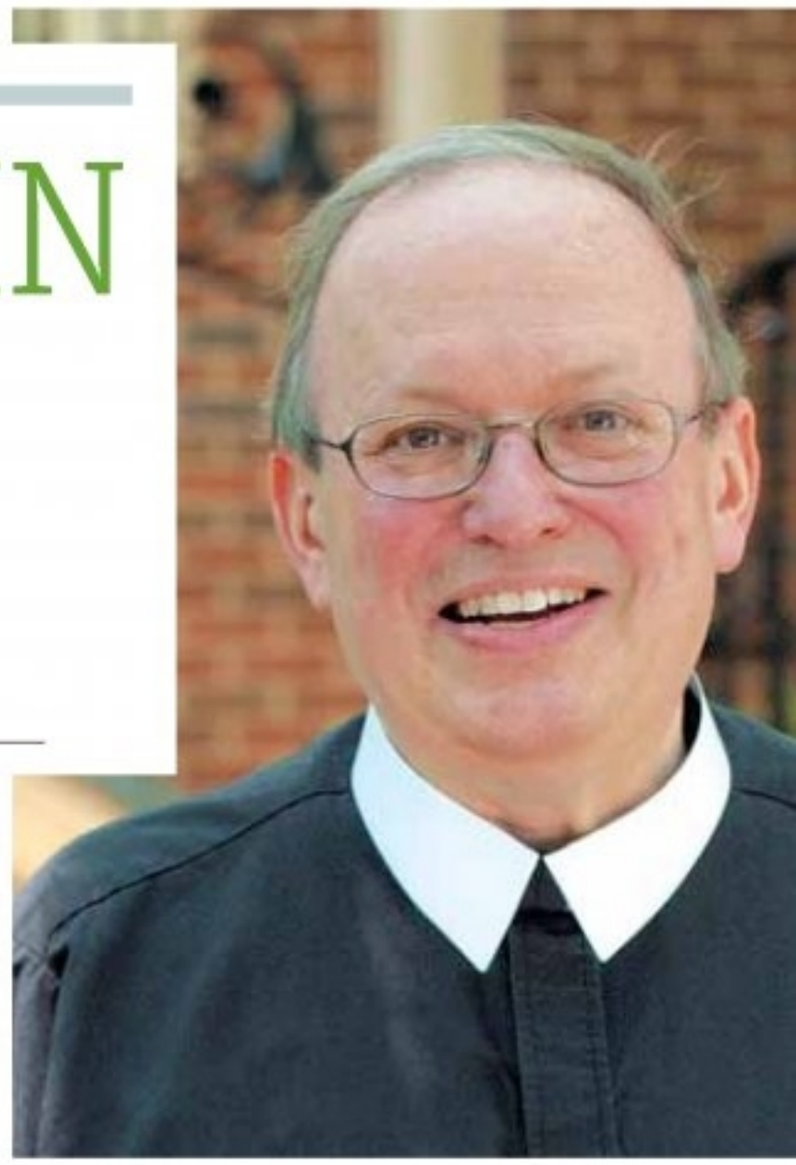

La Salle University looks back at 150 years of history and change.

A CENTURY AND A HALF OF HISTORY

La Salle University is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a series of events looking back at the history of the school and reaffirming the university's traditions. Last week, students and staff came together at events, lectures and plenty of what college students love best: free food. We recently caught up with university archivist Joseph Grabenstein to talk about how the school has evolved over the years.

La Salle University has had four main sites over the years. Where were they?
Well, from 1863 to 1867, the school was located at 2nd and Jefferson streets in lower Kensington, St. Michael's Parish. Then it moved to the corner of Filbert and Juniper streets, behind the Masonic Temple, until 1886. Then it moved to 1240 Broad St. until 1930 when it landed at 20th and Olney, where today's main campus is.

Why so many locations?
We simply outgrew whatever we had. In the case of Filbert and Juniper streets, the big new City Hall was going to be erected so near to us, and with the presence of a new City Hall, the quiet ambiance of that part of town changed forever.

When were women first admitted?
A small handful of women were taught in some special reading classes in the late 1950s. Dozens of nuns were taught science enrichment courses to help their teaching in the summers of 1963 and 1964. Our evening division went co-ed in February 1967. La Salle's undergraduate division went totally co-ed in September 1970. Today, about 60 percent of our undergraduate population is female.

When was La Salle granted university status?
La Salle became a university in May 1984. It had been La Salle College since 1863.

How is March 20 significant to the school?
Our birthday, March 20, 1863, is the day we received our charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In the United States, any college or university has to be chartered by the home state in order to have legal existence.

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LaSalle milestones

1869: La Salle awards its first bachelor's degrees
1930s: LSC almost shuts down because of debt during the Great Depression
1941-1945: La Salle almost closes because high numbers of students enlisted or are drafted in World War II
1950: First master's program begins, in religion
1954: Explorers win the NCAA basketball tournament by defeating Bradley
1980: Women's field hockey team becomes Division 2 National Champs
1998: Starts its first doctoral program, in psychology
2007: Purchases Germantown Hospital complex from Einstein Health System and converts it into much-needed expansion space
2008: Opens its Montgomery County Campus.

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Diaries are so passe. If you really want to pour your heart out, Facebook is the popular place to do it. Instead of disclosing intimate details in journals, students at high schools and universities are taking to the social network to reveal their innermost secrets.

Confessions range in topics from partying habits ("I love binge drinking") to personal struggles ("I'm having trouble deciding if life is worth it"). Commenters often serve as a support system, offering advice and resources for students battling depression or self-image issues.

Using free online survey tools like SurveyMonkey or Google Forms, participants can get around sharing their real identity on the Facebook confession pages. Page administrators don't know the confessor's name either, only his or her secret.

While some students can benefit from the therapeutic sense of community the confession pages provide, the social network also serves as an open forum for more crude, harsh commentary. School officials and counselors raise concerns that it presents another platform for bullying.

The confessions pages don't violate the site's rules as long as the content is civil, according to a Facebook spokesperson.

Confessions from Philly colleges:

Temple: "My parents' expectations are way too high for me and I don't have the heart to tell them that I can't do what they planned for me."

Drexel: "I can't make friends on campus because no one cares about what I think."

UPenn: "It's not that I'm afraid of my sexuality...I just don't have time to be gay. I have too much work to do."

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Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip.

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1 MTV Video Music Awards in Brooklyn

Sorry, Los Angeles: The annual MTV Video Music Awards is leaving your fair city for the concrete pastures of Brooklyn. "Brooklyn has re-emerged as a cultural capital where music, sports and entertainment history is made every day," MTV President Stephen Friedman says. The event will air live at the Barclays Center arena on Aug. 25. The host has yet to be announced (note to MTV: Don't pick Anne Hathaway).

2 Meet the new(est) Mrs. Jesse James

Fourth time is the charm? Jesse James has tied the knot for wedding No. 4, marrying drag racer Alexis DeJoria in Malibu this weekend after dating for less than two months, according to Star magazine. James' most recent marriage, to Sandra Bullock, ended in divorce in 2010 after publicly humiliating her with his infidelity. DeJoria seems more forgiving — and totally loaded. She's the daughter of billionaire Paul Mitchell co-founder John Paul DeJoria, who also helped launched Patron tequila and the House of Blues nightclub chain. "Jesse's always had a man-crush on John Paul, and what better way to get close to him than to get hitched to his daughter?" a source says. "But this marriage will be his fourth. If I were John Paul — after what Jesse put Sandra through — I'd be warning him up front that when it comes to Alexis, he'd better watch his butt." But hey: free tequila. Amiright?

3 2014 Oscars show moves to avoid Winter Olympics

In case you were worried that you'd have to choose between the human drama of athletes at the top of their profession battling it out for a gold medal versus a bunch of really rich people vying for a gold statue (you know which one I'll be watching), have no fear: Next year's Academy Awards ceremony will be held on March 2, a week later than normal, so as not to clash with the Winter Olympics in February. The Screen Actors Guild Awards has also announced that the 2014 ceremony will be moved to avoid the games. Who knew Hollywood cared about sports?

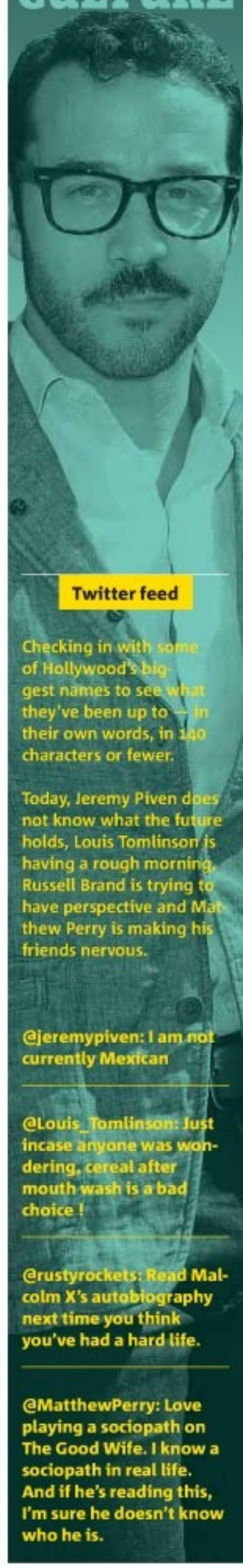
4 Leave Posh out of this

There will be no Spice Girls reunion as far as Victoria Beckham is concerned, according to Radar Online. "Victoria has made no secret of the fact her singing days are over, with a hugely successful business and a growing family," her rep says. "She loved her time as a Spice Girl." Translation: She's an A-list millionaire and has moved on. Quit asking her already.

5 It's back on for Miley!

Just get married (or don't) already, Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth. Apparently the two are now "inseparable" since Hemsworth got back from his trip to Australia and Manila, according to People magazine, despite rumors of Hemsworth's infidelity. "Since Liam returned to L.A., Miley has been in the best mood. They are together and will continue their wedding plans," a source says. On top of that, Cyrus has been spotted wearing her engagement ring once again. Fire up the gift registry!

2 CULTURE



Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jeremy Piven does not know what the future holds, Louis Tomlinson is having a rough morning, Russell Brand is trying to have perspective and Matthew Perry is making his friends nervous.

@jeremypiven: I am not currently Mexican

@Louis_Tomlinson: Just incase anyone was wondering, cereal after mouth wash is a bad choice !

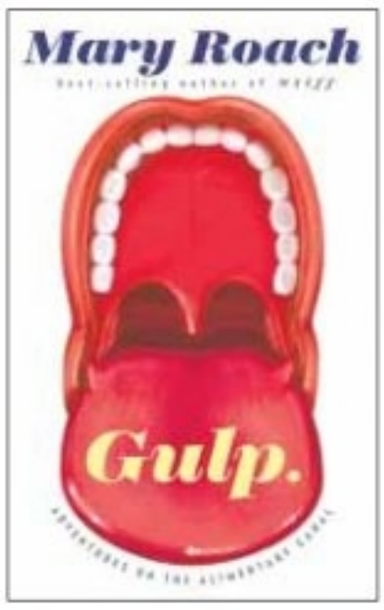
@rustyrockets: Read Malcolm X's autobiography next time you think you've had a hard life.

@MatthewPerry: Love playing a sociopath on The Good Wife. I know a sociopath in real life. And if he's reading this, I'm sure he doesn't know who he is.

"It was the last taboo that I haven't covered," Roach says of her latest book. / CHRIS HARDY

'Gulp': Author Mary Roach on how it goes down

Books. Mary Roach built her career on exploring aspects of the human body that go overlooked by most writers.



Mary Roach

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Author Mary Roach delights in probing the science of the human body that most people would rather just ignore. In "Stiff," she followed the body through its postmortem pathways; in "Packing For Mars," she uncovered the less glorified side of the space program through zero-gravity toilets. In her latest, "Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal," Roach trains her steel-stomached curiosity on the science of eating and digestion, finding laboratories where pet food is taste-tested and windows are opened to the human stomach (literally).

"It was the last taboo that I haven't covered," Roach says. "Once you take food off the table and put it into your body, it becomes an object of revulsion. ... So it's yet another topic that I thought would be fun to pull apart and explore." As she puts it, "Anytime you peel away the skin and reveal the fact that we're just big bags of digesting, secreting, pumping, gloppy, sticky, icky stuff, it's upsetting."

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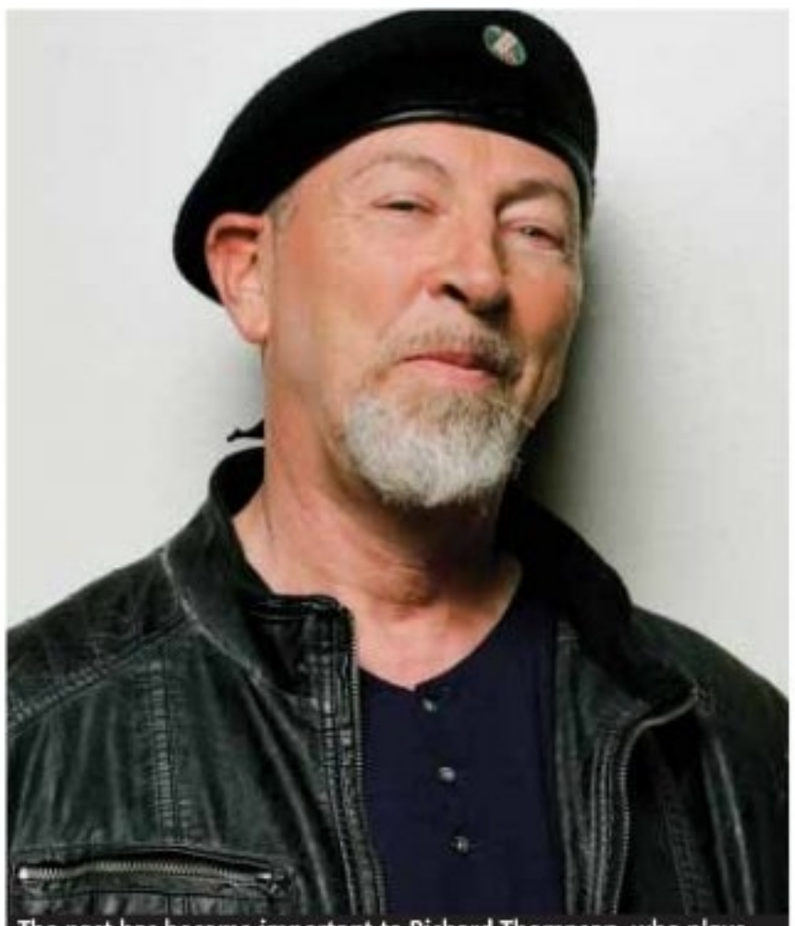

The past has become important to Richard Thompson, who plays the Academy of Music tonight. / PAMELA LITTKY

Richard Thompson's 'Electric' urgency

Music. The British singer/songwriter talks about seeing things in a more finite way, "without ... wallowing in it."

British singer/songwriter Richard Thompson has drawn countless vivid characters over the course of his career, which has lasted more than 45 years. The cast of his latest, "Electric," is as colorful as ever, though Thompson's longevity is reflected in the fact that so many of them are looking back from an end point — whether the end of a relationship, the end of life or simply the end of their ropes.

"As you reach your sixth or seventh decade, you start to see things in a more finite way," Thompson says. "Without being nostalgic or wallowing in it, the past becomes important to you. You're aware of your mortality and of time being short, so there's a kind of urgency that creeps into what you do."

That urgency comes through the stripped-down sound of "Electric." Thompson pared his band down to a basic trio and recorded the album at the home of producer and guitarist Buddy Miller. He's now taking the trio on the road, a prospect that he says is both freeing and daunting.

"If you're playing live as a trio, there's nowhere to hide. It's a challenge, but it's very rewarding."

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Looking back

'Between reality and fiction'

Since his trio is sharing the bill with Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell, there's the enticing prospect that some of the greatest voices in British and American roots music will share the stage. For his own set, Thompson balances material from the new album with selections and surprises from his past. While the subjects of his latest songs are looking back, his own catalog offers Thompson the aural equivalent of a photo album.

"Some of them are absolutely me, without much disguise," he says of his characters. "But there's something of the writer in any fictional character — even the more unpleasant ones. There's a very gray area between reality and fiction."

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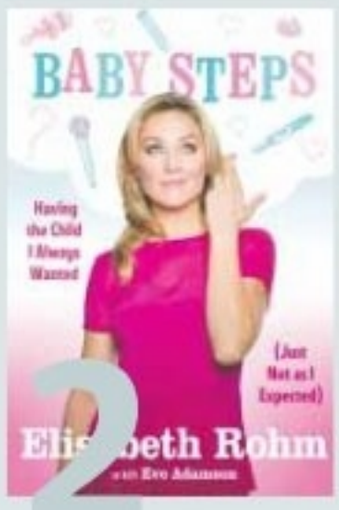

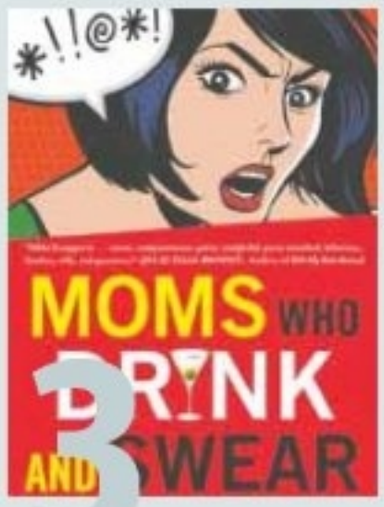

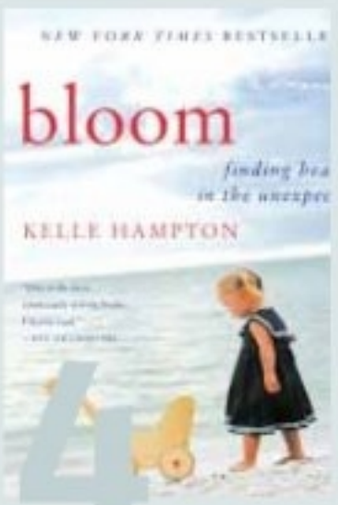

1 'Everything is Perfect When You're a Liar'

Kelly Oxford is one of Twitter's favorite personalities, garnering close to half a million followers with her irreverent take on motherhood. Go behind the scenes of her family life in her new collection of essays, "Everything is Perfect When You're a Liar" (out April 2). Our favorite line? "Weeks after having my first kid, I had a realization . . . I NEED A BACKUP PLAN!"

2 'Baby Steps: Having the Child I Always Wanted (Just Not As I Expected)'

Actress Elizabeth Rohm details her struggles with infertility while trying to remain in the Hollywood scene in her new memoir. As she writes, "Infertility, especially in Hollywood, is definitely a dirty little secret. ... The reason I believe most people hide the fact they have trouble conceiving is very simple: It suggests you are getting older."

3 'Moms Who Drink and Swear: True Tales of Loving My Kids While Losing My Mind'

In her new memoir, Nicole Knepper chronicles the utter lunacy that comes with being a parent in "Moms Who Drink and Swear: True Tales of Loving My Kids While Losing My Mind" (out April 2). How does she do it? Through drinking and swearing, of course.

4 'Bloom: Finding Beauty in the Unexpected'

"Bloom: Finding Beauty in the Unexpected," Kelle Hampton's best-selling memoir about raising a daughter with Down syndrome, comes out in paperback on April 2. Read along as she figures out how disappointment can be transformed into something beautiful. "Things were slowly shifting as my perspective tilted toward seeing my child having Down syndrome less as an obstacle and more as an opportunity," she writes.

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Recipe

Campfire cherry cobbler

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Recipe

Banana boat

Slice an unpeeled banana lengthwise without cutting all the way through the bottom. Pull it open and fill with marshmallows, chocolate, butterscotch caramel, jalapenos — whatever you like. Press the filling into the banana and wrap it tightly in foil. Cook away from the flames for about 10 minutes.

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Getting your child ready for camp

Having a good idea of what to expect at camp will help alleviate any fears. / THINKSTOCK

Summer camp. Prepare your child for camp, and he or she will have a positive experience and build happy memories.

Summer camp can be an exciting experience for your child. But staying away from home at overnight camp for a week can be more than a little scary for some children. If you carefully prepare your daughter or son for a week at camp and make sure she or he knows what to expect — so there are no surprises — you can make the summer-camp experience a positive one to look forward to next year.

Choose a camp together

No matter what your child's age, being part of the selection process helps build the excitement of going to camp and alleviate some of his or her fears. Your child will be able to choose some of the activities to participate in and know ahead of time what camp is like. For first-time overnight campers, having a sibling or friend go to with them can help enhance the experience.

Look at camp brochures and websites

Your child should have a good idea what to expect at camp. Look over camp brochures and websites together to get a feel for the sleeping arrangements, bathroom facilities, eating schedule, phone rules and other concerns kids may have. The more they know about the camp, the better prepared they will feel when they get there.

Let your child participate in packing

Most camps have a list of items children should and shouldn't bring, so go over the list together as you pack. Bring a favorite blanket, pillow or stuffed toy that can provide comfort in the case of homesickness. Make sure to pack a few pre-addressed, stamped post cards so your child can write to you as well. This will help him or her still feel connected if loneliness sinks in.

Explain camp policies to your child

Every camp has policies about using the phone, taking medication, medical emergencies and rules of expected behavior. Explain these policies to your child so he or she understands what is expected and how to handle emergencies. Knowing these details ahead of time will keep you from worrying about your little one once camp begins.

Help your child settle in the first day

On the first day of camp, tour the facilities together and meet some of the counselors before you say goodbye. If your child becomes hesitant, remind him or her of all the activities that are to come. Try not to give in on that first day and whisk your child back home — most kids are fine after the first day and night and `become so busy with activities they forget about being homesick.

Remind him or her you are only a phone call away

No matter how close or far the camp is from home, remind your child that you are only a phone call away and that he or she can call upon becoming lonely or homesick. If your child does call, try to keep the conversation positive by asking about the fun things going on. Don't dwell on the negative. Your child just needs to hear your voice to feel reassured.

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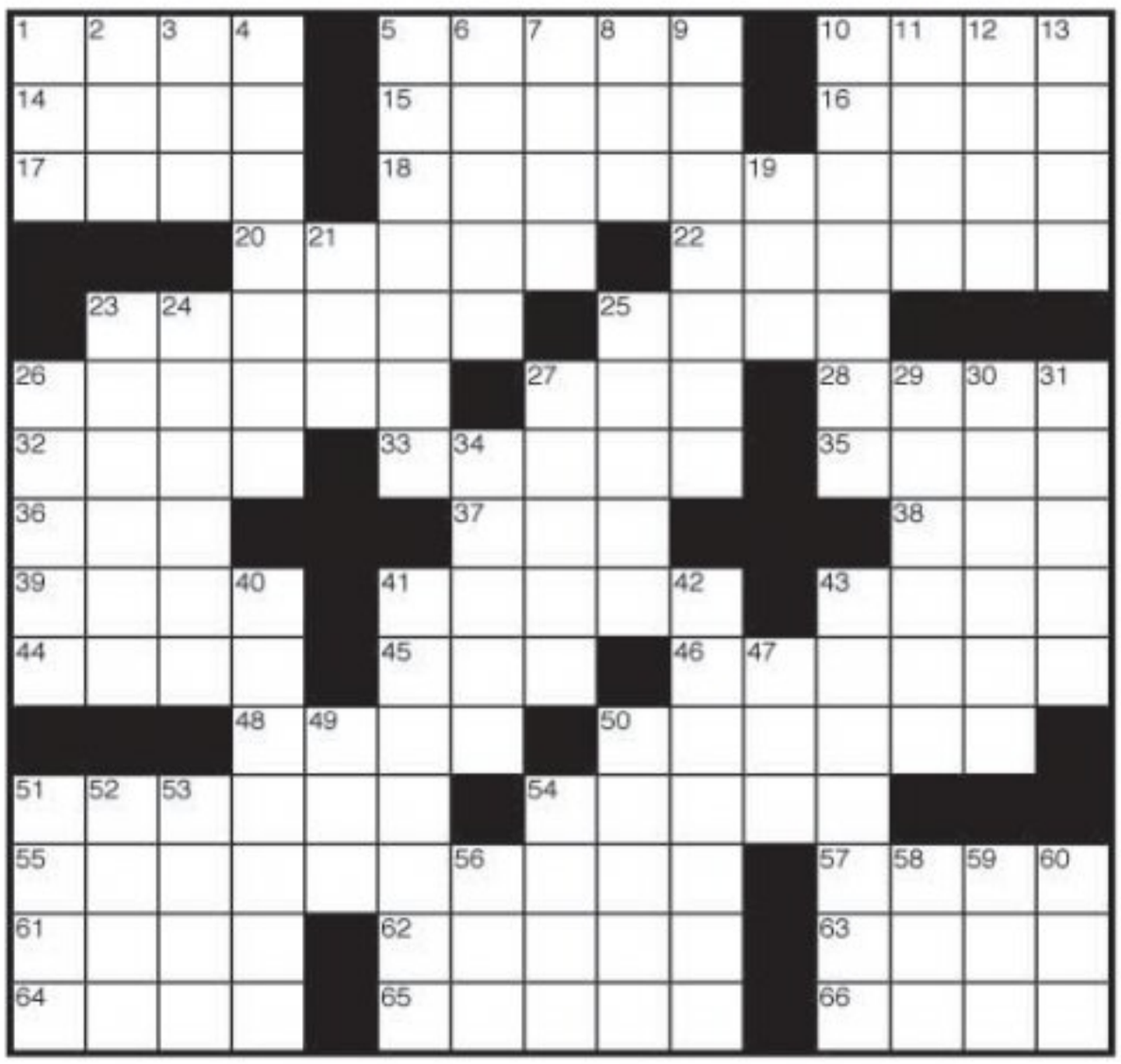

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21 Beat the field
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25 Henry VIII's house
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29 Put fizz in
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42 Like the Cyclops (hyph.)
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Letters

Jobs victory in eye of the beholder

This supposed economic recovery has been pathetic. Although unemployment has declined from a sky-high 7.9 percent to a very high 7.7 percent, looking at the numbers closely gives room for pause — or panic.

According to Barron's, the percentage of people of working age who are employed was actually lower at the end of February than at the end of June of 2009, when the deep recession allegedly ended.

President Obama needs to come up with some ideas that will actually help this country's economy grow. If not, we will continue on the path of most of Europe — which is continued excessive spending, high unemployment and unrest.

RON FALCON, VIA EMAIL

Bigger is better

I really didn't notice anything new about the Metro, but when I got to the new enlarged crossword puzzle, wow, what a nice surprise!

Now I don't have to squint anymore. Keep up the good work. **FRAN MANNIX, VIA EMAIL**

As somebody who wears glasses, I appreciate some of the difficulties of not seeing well.

I applaud you going with a grandpa-sized crossword in today's Metro.

I'm curious, are you trying to set a record for largest crossword published in a daily newspaper? Grand though it is, doing so at the expense of the hard Sudoku seems like too high a price.

GEOFFREY PALMER, VIA EMAIL

US in double standard over Gitmo

The mainstream media is not telling the facts about Gitmo. The president still has not closed the place since he made the promise to do so. This compound still hosts torture and hunger strikes right now. If this were Russia, the United States would have a fit about this insidious behavior.

CALVIN DAVIS, VIA EMAIL

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Keep them a brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact information.

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.
Be cognizant of the odds against you when you set out to address a career situation. Don't waste time doing it the hard way if you don't have to.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.
Think twice before you stop doing something the way it's always been done. If you leap into a new method without the proper preparation, you might be sorry.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.
Don't overpower a friend with your contrary views. If he or she isn't interested, imposing your ideas won't go over too well.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.
You could have a short fuse when it comes to your tolerance for minor irritations. Try to keep everything in perspective, and remain unruffled by adversity.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.
Unless you have something complimentary to say to coworkers, it might be best if you don't say anything at all. Even a well-meaning criticism could open Pandora's box.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.
If you are too demanding, the very persons you are trying to control are likely to rebel. Treat everyone with respect.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Your behavior with outsiders is likely to be far more respectful and pleasant than it is with your mate and/or family.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.
It's extremely important that you stop and think before you speak, regardless to whom. You could carelessly say something difficult to retract.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.
You're pretty good at giving advice, but not so when it comes to following guidance. This will be especially true when it comes to resource management.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.
Owing to much impatience on your part, you could damage your recent headway on an important venture. Try to take things one step at a time.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You're an imaginative person, but your thinking might be more negative than positive today. Don't allow a dark outlook to screen opportunities from your view.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Don't make important financial decisions without checking with all of the parties involved. Someone might know how to aid you.

Sudoku: Hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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10 VACATIONS TO SPOT ANIMALS IN THE WILD

Serengeti, Tanzania

Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area are both famous for spotting the "big five" — lions, elephants, buffaloes, leopards and rhinoceros.

With the thawing of winter, animals and humans alike are starting to wake up and get outside. Members of Virtualtourist.com, a leading travel website, compiled a list of the "Top 10 Places to See Animals in the Wild." REUTERS

Bandhavgarh National Park, India

Since 1993, this park has been considered a tiger reserve with the highest density of tigers in India, making it likely you'll spot one during your next visit.

Hol Chan Marine Reserve, Belize

The Hol Chan Reserve is one of the best places to snorkel in the Caribbean. Check out Shark Ray Alley, famous for its nurse sharks.

Volcans National Park, Rwanda

High in the mountains of Rwanda, 18 mountain gorilla groups reside — 10 of which can be visited. Since permits are required to visit, apply in advance.

Kangaroo Island, South Australia

In Australian winter (June to August), kangaroo and wallaby joeys start to emerge from their mothers' pouches and feed alongside them while southern right whales migrate by.

Punta Tombo, Argentina

Punta Tombo is the best place to see Magellan Penguins within continental Patagonia. The recommended time to visit for optimal viewing is after November, once the babies are born.

Parc Omega, Canada

From the safety of a vehicle, visitors to this Canadian park can see bison, elk, black bears and red deer, as well as both timber and arctic wolves.

Kruger National Park, South Africa

Kruger is a self-drive game park, meaning you can pick up illustrated maps at every entrance to the park and navigate for yourself, stopping when you want.

Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica

Tortuguero is a sanctuary for nesting sea turtles. Although the green turtle is the focus, hawksbill and leatherback turtles are also tagged by conservationists.

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CATALDI: IT'S TIME TO SHOW DOUG COLLINS THE DOOR

Doug Collins is an embarrassment — to his team, to his fans and, above all, to himself. The fact that he is still coaching the Sixers has become a daily indictment of the organization's inept new ownership.

These days, Collins is a dreadful coach with a knack for saying ignorant things at inopportune times. The low point of his miserable season came last week, when he launched an idiotic appeal on behalf of Andrew Bynum after the no-show center was finally ruled out for the season.

"I hope we all keep him in prayer," Collins said.

Is it possible to say anything more insulting to a Sixers fan base that spent millions on worthless tickets? It is a matter of public record that season-ticket sales doubled after the Bynum trade, and 10-game plans were sold at four times the pace of the previous season. Recently, those same tickets were selling for as low as 4 cents apiece.

If Colllins were still thinking clearly, he would be expressing sympathy for the fans, not a player who re-injured his fragile knees while bowling — a player who said "it doesn't matter" when he returns, and received $16.9 million for doing nothing

And there's no need to say a rosary for the Sixers, either. They had insurance on Bynum's contract. They will get most of his salary back. The only real victims in this Bynum fiasco are the fans, and yet neither Collins nor his bosses took a moment to acknowledge that injustice.

Believe it or not, the team's last public statement is that Bynum is "Plan A" for next season. Owner Joshua Harris, CEO Adam Aron and GM Tony DiLeo have all vanished from public view (except for Aron on Twitter) at a time when Sixers games have become jarring to the sensibilities.

Make no mistake right now — the team is every bit as infuriating on the court as it is off it. For example, there was the unimaginable meltdown in the final nine seconds of a loss in Denver last Thursday night.

After they had to use two consecutive timeouts because no Sixer could get free for an inbounds pass, TV color commentator Malik Rose screamed, "No one was hustling! No one even tried to get open!"

Despite their win over putrid Sacramento Sunday night, the team obviously doesn't care anymore. His constant screaming is white noise to them now. After that Denver debacle, Collins launched into a mindless tirade — not at the players this time, but at the media.

"You were watching the game, right?" he shouted. "What do you want me to say?"

Let's all answer that question in unison.

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Collins should resign as Sixers coach immediately. / GETTY IMAGES

Quote

"Doug Collins is a dreadful coach with a knack for saying ignorant things at inopportune times. ... Collins is an embarrassment."

Idle thoughts

- **Bravo to La Salle, and Tyrone Garland, for a magical trip into the Sweet 16.** Even if the Explorers don't get any further — and who's going to bet against them now? — we'll always have the "Southwest Philly Floater."
- **Darin Ruf, the best young bat on the Phillies, was sent back to the minors because he also has the worst young glove.** If he can't learn to play the outfield, the Phils will have to trade him.
- **Isn't it bizarre that, in the most chaotic week of the year for the Sixers, we saw more of T.J. DiLeo at Temple than GM Tony DiLeo?**

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Golf

Tiger on top again

Tiger Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational yesterday and returned to the No. 1 golf ranking in the world for the first time since October 2010. No one in the field came within two shots of Woods in the final round.

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DOCTOR'S ORDERS: PHILLIES NEED TO STOP CODDLING ROY HALLADAY

The Phillies are afraid of Roy Halladay. Charlie Manuel and pitching coach Rich Dubee live in constant fear.

It was obvious that Manuel and Dubee were intimidated by Halladay near the end of last season, when he insisted on pitching with a sore right shoulder. In the history of medical science, no doctor has ever prescribed violent stress on an inflamed joint, with one notable exception: Doc Halladay.

Manuel and Dubee have deferred to Halladay again this spring. That's why the former ace was out there nine days ago, trying to overcome the nausea of a stomach virus. After one inning, Halladay had to leave. The manager's response was that Halladay was "hard-headed." Hard-headed? Doesn't the manager have ultimate say over who plays?

Then there was Dubee's decision not to test Halladay against Baltimore in Sarasota, citing a fear of "germs" on the hour-plus bus ride. Instead, Halladay stayed back and faced minor-league hitters in Clearwater, the only germ-free city in America.

The pitcher got shelled in that appearance, allowing 11 of 18 batters to reach base, but that's not the worst part. With two outs and the bases loaded, Dubee called off the first inning. He told the umpires that Halladay had already thrown 27 pitches, and all parties agreed to pretend there were three outs. If that isn't coddling a player, what is?

Halladay still has a chance to help the Phillies this season, but not until his bosses grow a backbone and handle him like all of the other Phillies. There's a reason why doctors don't treat themselves.

The Phillies are letting Halladay call the shots on his health. / GETTY IMAGES

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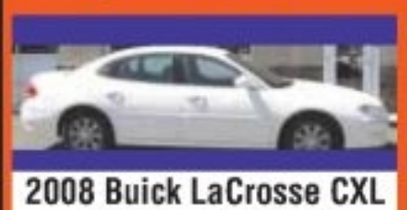
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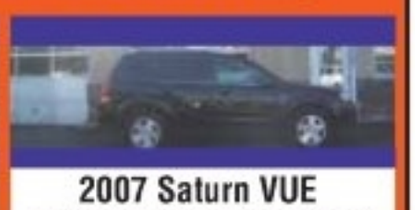
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Lannan shelled in Phillies loss

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The Phils scored four runs in the ninth inning, led by a two-run single from Erik Kratz. METRO

Flyers bitten by the injury bug again

Danny Briere is out indefinitely with a concussion.

Briere was injured in a Flyers practice session before the Pittsburgh game. Nick Grossmann (upper body) is also out.

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